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LETTER DATED 10 DECEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 9 December 1993 from Mr. Mohammed Said al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the dropping of provocative leaflets on Basra and other locations in southern Iraq by United States warplanes.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 9 December 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the President of the Security Council

I should like to draw your attention as a matter of urgency to the fact that, at 0905 hours on Tuesday, 7 December 1993, the United States warplanes that are violating Iraqi airspace in southern Iraq dropped provocative and inflammatory leaflets on a number of areas in southern Iraq by means of a cloth container dropped with a small parachute.

At 1530 hours on the same day, hostile United States warplanes dropped other bundles of the above-mentioned leaflets.

During the morning of 9 December 1993, United States warplanes dropped large quantities of provocative leaflets on residential quarters of Basra.

The Security Council, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the whole world know full well that the United States Government is committing illegal and illegitimate acts against Iraq by its use of brute force to impose the aerial embargo on southern and northern Iraq. United States warplanes are violating Iraq's airspace for the purpose of provocation and aggression.

The dropping of inflammatory and provocative leaflets by United States warplanes is additional evidence exposing the United States' notorious policy of hostility towards Iraq and the Iraqi people. This callow and reckless action reaffirms the evil colonialist aims that the United States Government is seeking to achieve by brute force in Iraq.

The Iraqi people views with scorn and vehemently condemns these provocative and unethical attempts.

I have registered in this letter the protest of the Government of the Republic of Iraq against these acts and its vehement condemnation thereof, inasmuch s they demonstrate the extent of the recklessness of the perpetrators.

I enclose herewith some copies of the leaflets dropped by United States warplanes on various locations in southern Iraq and on residential quarters of Basra, for perusal by you and by the members of the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq
Baghdad, 25 Jumada II A.H. 1414
9 December A.D. 1993

Enclosures

I

Brother combatant:

For many years Saddam has been trying to destroy the reputation and honour of the Iraqi Army by humiliating it and forcing it to fight the people and kill the innocent. How long shall we bear this humiliation? Shall we wait for the day when the traitor to Iraq turns from annihilating the people to annihilating the Army? Saddam's schemes serve only Saddam and his cronies, not the State or the Army. Do not be duped as others were duped before you. Do not leave your future in the hands of a man who will dig you a grave in order to build a palace on it.

II

Brother combatant, proud son of the Euphrates:

The mission of the Iraqi soldier is to defend Iraq, not to kill Iraqis. If you want to do your duty towards your country and your people, you must be on the side of the Iraqi people in the south, not against it.

He who does not die by poison
dies by other means

III

Dear brother combatants in the armed forces, officers and men:

Are so many adventures and wars, which have led to the destruction of the homeland and caused so much distress and hardship, not enough for Saddam Hussein? This faction does not care what becomes of you or what becomes of your people. It is benighted in its error and immersed in its pleasures. All you have to do at this critical stage is to attack this rotten regime and rid yourselves of it. Your people, your country and the whole world are waiting.

The Unified Iraqi National Congress

IV

Dear brother combatants in the armed forces, officers and men:

Military honour is not bought with money. Military honour is a value fixed and rooted in your consciousness of national duty. Defence of the homeland has no price. Saddam Hussein is corrupting morals by his purchase of loyalties, thereby destroying the spiritual structure of the armed forces. May this criminal go to hell and his brothers, sons and uncles with him. Upon you devolves the duty of propelling him to his black fate.

The Unified Iraqi National Congress